

# 2006

## Injury Deaths to Massachusetts Adults Ages 65+ Years

In 2006, there were **843** injury deaths to adults ages 65 years and over, a rate of **98.5** deaths for every 100,000 persons 65 years and older. Falls were the leading cause of injury death for this age group followed by transportation-related injury deaths, and suffocations.

INJURY CAUSE	INJURY INTENT					Total Count	Percent of Total Count	Crude Rate per 100,000
	Unintentional	Intentional		Undetermined	Other & Legal			
		Suicide	Homicide					
Cut/pierce	1	1	5	0	0	7	0.8	0.8
Drowning/submersion	8	2	0	2		12	1.4	1.4
Fall	340	1	0	0		341	40.5	39.8
Fire/burn	13	0	0	0		13	1.5	1.5
Firearms	0	15	0	0	0	15	1.8	1.8
Machinery	2					2	0.2	0.2
Natural/environmental	11					11	1.3	1.3
Overexertion	0					0	0.0	0.0
Poisoning	13	11	0	6	0	30	3.6	3.5
Struck by, against	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.6	0.6
Suffocation/hanging	77	14	1	0		92	10.9	10.7
Transport Injuries:	100	0	0	0	0	100	11.9	11.7
<i>Motor vehicle traffic-related</i>	92					92	10.9	10.7
<i>Occupant</i>	29					29	3.4	3.4
<i>Motorcyclist</i>	1					1	0.1	0.1
<i>Pedal cyclist</i>	2					2	0.2	0.2
<i>Pedestrian</i>	21					21	2.5	2.5
<i>Other person</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
<i>Unspecified person</i>	39					39	4.6	4.6
<i>Pedal cyclist, other</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
<i>Pedestrian, other</i>	0					0	0.0	0.0
<i>Other land transport</i>	6					6	0.7	0.7
<i>Other transport</i>	2					2	0.2	0.2
Other specified & classifiable	4	1	0	0	0	5	0.6	0.6
Other specified, not classifiable	12	0	0	0	0	12	1.4	1.4
Unspecified	171	0	1	3	0	175	20.8	20.4
Adverse Effects						23	2.7	2.7
TOTALS	757	45	7	11	0	843	100%	98.5
Injury Death Rate by Intent	88.4	5.3	0.8	1.3	--	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: *Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.*

—Rates are per 100,000 residents. Rates provided here are age-specific. Rates are not calculated on counts of less than five, and those based on counts less than twenty may be unstable.

—Categories and groupings are based on a modified version of the CDC's "Recommended framework of E-code groupings for presenting injury mortality and morbidity data." This framework does not provide for intentionality for certain cause categories as indicated by gray shading. Injury subcategories are italicized.